

A FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

A BUILDING COLLAPSES, AND OVERTURNING HOT STOVES

Catches Fire and Its Stock of Ammunition Is Discharged--Other Casualties.

St. Louis, Mo., December 12.—Particulars of the train robbery yesterday near Bellevue Station, Tex., are that the three robbers, who were unmasked and made no effort at concealment, arrived at the water tank a few minutes before the train. When the train arrived one of the robbers, with drawn pistol, ordered Engineer Ayres and his fireman, and O. G. Miller, another engineer who was riding in the cab, to alight, which they did. He then marched them some thirty feet from the train and went through them, taking all the valuables which they had. While this was going on the other two men went through the train. It appears that one of the passengers in the rear car, who was looking out of the window and saw the operation with the trainmen.

DIVINING THE SITUATION. He went into the forward car, notified the other passengers of what was going on and told them to secrete their money. This they did in various ways, giving most of it and their diamonds to several ladies aboard. Miss Kate Hays, of Fort Worth, took charge of \$3,000 and some diamonds, and Mrs. Wittick, of Carthage, Mo., took her husband's gold watch and several hundred dollars. Mrs. Wittick was greatly incensed at the proceedings, and boldly stood up in the car and asked if forty men were going to tamely submit to such an outrage at the hands of two highwaymen. About \$12,000 in money and \$4,000 worth of diamonds and valuables were left by the robbers in their haste to get through the train because they did not search the ladies. They were evidently not versed in the business, and went away with the paltry sum of \$105, three gold watches, ten silver watches, five revolvers and one gold ring.

THE ROBBER LEFT THE TRAIN at the rear end on the sleeper, mounted horses standing near by and rode hastily away. The train was then hurried on to Bellevue, where telegrams were sent to Superintendent Frost at Fort Worth, who immediately replied, offering \$250 reward for each robber, and in less than an hour five posse of officers and citizens were in pursuit. Sheriff McLean, of Montague; Marshal Slack, of Bowie; and others. Sheriff McLean says he knows the robbers and has no doubt of his ability to capture them. Superintendent Connor was on the train, having in charge two deputies, with a guard of five negroes of the twenty-fourth infantry. Mr. Connor ordered the soldiers to draw their revolvers and fight the robbers, but several passengers opposed this strongly and pleaded so earnestly in behalf of the women and children on board that the superintendent reluctantly yielded, and when the robbers reached the soldiers and demanded their weapons they quietly gave them up.

A Family Asphyxiated. Chicago, Dec. 12.—Mrs. McClure and her grown daughter and son were asphyxiated by coal gas last night at their residence in the suburban town of Maplewood. They closed all the doors and windows tightly on retiring and forgot to replace the stove lid after replenishing the fire. Mrs. McClure appeared to have fallen senseless while trying to get out to the open air. Her daughter was lying face down across a chair a few feet from her bed. Her son was on his knees before the door and evidently became unconscious during a half-stupified search for the knob of the door, which, if opened, would have given them fresh air.

A Section Man Killed by a Train. PITTSBURGH, PA., December 13.—The Dennison and Wheeling accommodation, coming east on the Pan Handle railroad, struck three section men near Nimicks station, four miles west of this city, at 10 o'clock this morning, killing Patrick Howard outright and seriously injuring Frank Cook and E. Harrington. The men stepped off the west bound tracks to avoid a coal train and were struck by the accommodation coming in the opposite direction.

A Bridegroom of Two Hours Falls. MANISTEEN, MICH., December 13.—Charles Brown and Miss Cora Sibbey were married Saturday evening. After the ceremony a social dance was enjoyed. About two hours after the ceremony the bridegroom was dancing together, when the groom fell dead from heart disease.

A Stomachache On Fire. SPRINGFIELD, ILL., December 13.—The newly erected, brick, two-story house caught fire early this morning and the entire structure was soon filled with dense black smoke. Flames were confined to one apartment, but the fire spread and heat had ruined the rich freestone, brick and tile building. This is the only one of the students, who place the damage at \$10,000. The fire originated in a pile of painters' materials that were to be removed tomorrow.

FROM THE PEOPLE.

Another Good Thing for Financiers. To the Editors of the Appeal: It is evident from all indications that the capitalists of Memphis desire to increase the banking capital. The 3 1/2 percent tax on capital is deterring them, or is at least in their way. I note that one of our local insurance companies, by whose charter the tax upon its capital stock is "one-half percent, in lieu of all other taxes," is about to embark in banking. Your correspondent "Nuff Sed" in his card in yesterday's Appeal, figures out that in the thirty-five years of life the aforesaid corporation yet has it will have in taxes upon a capital of \$1,000,000 the round sum of \$1,225,000, over 100 per cent—a splendid showing. Surmising this huge institution, with its "bomb proof" charter and \$1,000,000 capital, is started in banking here, what show have the national and other banks without the "one-half percent" charter in competition with those that have?

In 1870 the Legislature of Tennessee chartered the "Safe Deposit Company of Memphis" for ninety-nine years, and exempted its capital stock from all taxes beyond one-half percent, with the right to hold real estate, and to invest in securities of all kinds, but no banking privileges, i.e., no right to discount and deposit. Its authorized maximum capital is \$500,000. Upon this amount of capital the annual savings, over the 3 1/2 per cent, or general rate, is \$15,000. In the eighty-three years it has yet to run the savings, without interest, will

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SEVENTEEN ITALIAN GIRLS

DECEIVED BY A SCHEMING OPERATIC MANAGER.

On Outrage Thatought to Be Punished Severely.—An Example Should to Be Made.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 13.—Seventeen Italian girls, until today members of the National Opera Company, were this evening forced to take a train for New York under threat that they would otherwise be left helpless. They were engaged at Milan, Italy, less than three months ago, and none of the seventeen understand a word of English. One of them is very ill. They claim that they were discharged last night without a word of warning, and that although incompetence is the alleged cause, the real reason is that the company has not been drawing as large houses as was expected, especially in Chicago. The discharge, it is claimed, is a breach of contract, and according to one of the seventeen they were engaged at Milan by an agent of the company as ballet and chorus girls at \$20 a week for a season of twenty six weeks. They received \$92 in advance, and last night, on being discharged, were paid \$10 of the coming week's salary. In an interview to-night Manager Locke denied that the girls were engaged for twenty six weeks unless they proved competent. This the girls had not done, and the company's sole object being to improve the standard of opera in America they were, after careful consideration, discharged.

REUNION AND BANQUET

Of the Merchants' Exchange—Committee of Arrangements Selected.

One of the features of the Merchants' Exchange since its organization has been to have a reunion and banquet at the close of each year. These occasions have been very enjoyable to the members and have proven quite a relief from the daily cares of business. This year the Exchange desires to improve on its former efforts and change the usual order of things so that the wives and daughters of members of the Exchange can participate in its enjoyment. To that end a committee was appointed yesterday to take the matter in hand, and are now at work perfecting their plan. The entertainment will be given on the evening of December 30th at the Exchange rooms, and Arnold's band has been engaged. The committee propose to make this the social event of the season and all members, with their ladies, are expected to be present. It is the intention to make this, as was their banquet, an exclusive Merchants' Exchange affair. None but members and their employees will be admitted, with the exception that the privilege of inviting non-residents will be accorded to members. The Committee of Arrangements is composed of L. N. Snowden, chairman; W. H. Bates, Edward Mott, Fred T. Anderson, Hugh Pettit, C. L. Ficklin and J. H. Martin.

Secretary Kaeling is now preparing an explanatory circular, which will be mailed to the members today.

All Medical Authorities Agree that catarrh is no more nor less than an inflammation of the lining membrane of the nasal air passages. Nasal catarrh and all catarrhal affection of the head are not diseases of the blood, and it is a serious mistake to treat them as such. No conscientious physician ever attempts to do so. It is held by eminent medical men that sooner or later a specific will be found for every disease from which humanity suffers. The facts justify us in assuming that for catarrh at least a positive cure exists in Ely's Cream Balm.

Catholic Musicians' Restrictions. CINCINNATI, O., December 13.—Archbishop Elder in an interview today explained that his recent order forbidding members of the Catholic Church to sing in Protestant churches was in obedience to laws of the church, in which the general public have no concern. He added that he wished to express his regret to Catholics desiring to sing at charitable entertainments, public concerts, or in private houses, saying that his admonition applied solely to those who sing in Protestant houses of worship. The order goes into effect January 1st.

Without Adequate Cause. Or with apparently no cause at all, chills and fever, thought to be cured, germinate and redevelop in the system. This class of cases cannot be laid out with quinine. The only way to cure it is a full and exhaustive quinine, if to use persistently the national antidote to miasma poison, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which roots it out completely. The process of cure is, of course, much easier if the Bitters is used as a preventive, when the first chill is felt, but persons who are not acquainted with the nature of the symptoms are sometimes in error as to their cause, and neglect the simple and pleasant remedy of all others best fitted to check the progress of this dreaded and destructive miasm. Visitors to, or sojourners in, malarious localities, will, moreover, as the part of wisdom if they use the Bitters as a preventive. Rheumatism, constipation, biliousness, indigestion, kidney troubles are removed by the Bitters.

Natural Gas Catches They All. FRANKLIN, PA., December 12.—The Standard Oil Company decided at a meeting, held in New York, to erect a new refinery in this city. Work will be commenced at once. The works will be located northwest of the Eclipse Works, and will be larger than the Eclipse, which employs 400 men. A fund of \$250,000 was voted to commence building. Work will be pushed as fast as possible, and they expect to have things in shape before May/next. The indications are that this movement, assuming the moving of the Standard Cleveland refinery to this point, where they own the natural gas plant.

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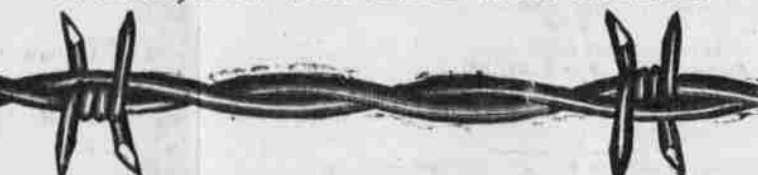
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